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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least ~~80%~~98% amino acid sequence identity to:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61);~~

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61),~~ lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) ~~the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 30 (SEQ ID NO:61);~~

(d) ~~the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 30 (SEQ ID NO:61),~~ lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(e) ~~the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971; and~~

wherein said isolated polypeptide has the ability to induce mesangial cell proliferation or to induce fetal hemoglobin.

23-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61);~~

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61),~~ lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) ~~the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 30 (SEQ ID NO:61);~~

(d) ~~the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 30 (SEQ ID NO:61),~~ lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(e) ~~the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971; and~~

wherein said isolated polypeptide has the ability to induce mesangial cell proliferation or to induce fetal hemoglobin.

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27. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61);~~

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61),~~ lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) ~~the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 30 (SEQ ID NO:61);~~

(d) ~~the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 30 (SEQ ID NO:61),~~ lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(e) ~~the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.~~

28. (Currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 27 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61).~~

29. (Currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 27 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide ~~shown in Figure 30 (of SEQ ID NO:61),~~ lacking its associated signal peptide.

30-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 27 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.

33. (Previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 22 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

34. (Currently amended) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 33, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is ~~an epitope~~ a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

35. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 98% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61.

36. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 98% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide.

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37. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 98% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.

38. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 26 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61.

39. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 26 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide.

40. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 26 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.

41. (New) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 26 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

42. (New) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 41, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

43. (New) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 27 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

44. (New) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 43, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.